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ISA Biennial National Symposium on "Resource Conservation Techniques Towards Livelihood Security" 2-4 December, 2010

The Indian Society of Agronomy is organizing the Biennial National Symposium at University of Agricultural Sciences, Gandhi Krishi Vigyan Kendra Campus, Bengaluru, Karnataka during 2-4 December, 2010. Dr. H.V. Nanjappa, Dean, Post Graduate Studies, University of Agricultural Science, Bengaluru, Karnataka has been identified as Local Organizing Secretary of the Symposium.

The tentative sub-themes of the Symposium are:

- Integrated plant nutrient supply
- Farming systems
- Watershed management
- Weed management approaches
- Land use systems
- ITK and IPR

Two tentative core groups meetings are planned for discussion and interested may give their choice of group in the registration form.

- Climate change, Carbon sequestration & Crop modeling
- Precision farming

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Indian Society of Agronomy invites application for various awards. All the members are informed that they can submit their applications for various awards *i.e.* ISA Best Ph D Thesis Award and P.S. Deshumkh Young Agronomist Award as per the guidelines and application proforma available on our website (isa-india.in). Interested members must also send their CV for consideration for ISA Fellow and ISA Gold Medal Awards. No guidelines or application form are available for these two awards at present. However, candidates may submit a brief CV (10 page) highlighting significant contribution made by them. The applications for all awards must reach the Secretary, Indian Society of Agronomy before 30 June, 2010.

The registration fee is Rs 2,500/- for members of the Society and Rs 3,000/- for non-members. For students / research associates / junior and senior research fellows, it is Rs 1,200/- . The registration fee in the form of account payee demand draft drawn in favour of the Secretary, Indian Society of Agronomy, and payable at any nationalized bank at Delhi/ New Delhi along with the registration form is to be mailed so as to reach the Secretary, Indian Society of Agronomy on or before 31 August, 2010. The papers without registration fee or those received after the last date will not be entertained.

Further information about the Symposium can be obtained from Dr. B. Gangaiah, Secretary, ISA, Division of Agronomy, IARI, New Delhi.

MAY 2010

The following Senior Scientists (Agronomy) and ISA members under the career advancement Scheme (CAS) for ARS Scientists of ICAR have been promoted to the next grade of Principal Scientist

Dr Dinesh Chandra Saxena, CIAE, Bhopal
Dr Rajendra Hegde, NBSS&LUP, Nagpur
Dr V. Ramamurthy, NBSS&LUP, Nagpur
Dr J.P. Mishra, NBSS&LUP, Nagpur
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Dr C.K. Thankamani, IISR, Calicut
Dr K.S. Gangwar, PDCSR, Meerut
Dr G. Ravindra Chary, CRIDA, Hyderabad
Dr S.L. Patil, CSWCR&TI, Dehradun
Dr B.S. Phogat, NBPGR, New Delhi
Dr Nisha Kant Chopra, IARI, New Delhi
Dr L.K. Idnani, IARI, New Delhi

The fraternity of Indian Society of Agronomy was elated with the distinction achieved by these agronomists and wishes all the best in their endeavours.

APRIL 2010

Dr.V.C.Patil, Dean, University of Agricultural Sciences, College of Agriculture, Raichur has joined as Chair Professor, Precision Agriculture Research Chair, King Saud University, P.O. Box 2460, Riyadh, 11451 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

He can be contacted at: Ph: 00966-4697119, Cell: 00966-565892442; Email:vcpatiluasd@gmail.com

Indian Society of Agronomy wishes Dr Patil all the success in his new assignments.

MARCH 2010

DR RAJ KUMAR PANNU, Professor,



Department of Agronomy CCS, Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar has been awarded the

Fellowship of Indian Society of Plant Physiology at its annual conference of the society, held at Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat from 5-7 November, 2009, based on his significant contributions in the field of Plant Physiology and Cognate Sciences.

The fraternity of Indian Society of Agronomy was elated with the distinction achieved by him and wishes all the best in his endeavours.

Ph D THESIS

YOGANDER KUMAR: *Studies on the persistence of ready mix formulation of sulfosulfuron and metsulfuron metyl applied in wheat.* CCS HAU, Hisar. (Chairman: Dr Ved Pal Singh)

APPOINTMENTS

FEBRUARY 2010



DR BABOOJI GANGWAR took over as Project Director, Project Directorate of Farming Systems Research, Modipuram on 23 February

2010 through ASRB selection. Dr. Gangwar is a renowned cropping systems scientist and acclaimed agronomist. Born on 10 January, 1953 in a small village of District Rampur, Uttar Pradesh, He obtained his Ph.D. in the year 1976 from the Institute of Advanced Studies, Meerut. Prior to new positions as Director, Dr. Gangwar has been serving as Acting Project Director since September 2009, Programme Facilitator, Cropping Systems Management at this Directorate since 2001. He had also worked as Project Coordinators of AICRP on Cropping Systems and AICRP on *Diara* land Improvement (1994-1999). He has worked for 18 years at CARI, Port Blair and carried out pioneering agronomic research work in rice based cropping systems. He obtained 7 months special training on Farming Systems Research and Management at Reading University, U.K. He is recipient of Fakruddin Ali Ahmed Award, Bharat Excellence Award, Fellow of Indian Society of Agronomy (1999), Fellow of Indian Society of Coastal Agriculture, Fellow of SRDA, and Honorary Fellow of High-tech Horticulture Society. Dr. Gangwar is a member of over 10 professional societies including Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA) and is also on the editorial board of renowned journals. He has 290 publications. He has served for two terms as Joint Secretary, ISA and as General Secretary - Andaman Science Association for 12 years.



DR ABHAY KUMAR VYAS has joined as Head, Division of Agronomy, IARI, New Delhi on 15 February, 2010. Dr Vyas graduated

from S.K.N. College of Agriculture, Jobner in 1983 with University Merit Gold Medal and obtained M.Sc. (Ag.) and Ph D (Agronomy) from IARI, New Delhi in 1985 and 1989, respectively. He started his career as Assistant Development Officer (Technical), NABARD in July 1988 and subsequently joined RAU, Bikaner as Assistant Professor in

November 1989 and was promoted as Associate Professor in May 1996. He moved into ICAR system as Principal Scientist at NRC Soybean in October 2000. In his academic career of about 21 years, he has contributed 55 research papers, 3 books, 9 book chapters and 2 manuals. Dr Vyas has served ISA as Joint Secretary during 2007-08.

DR C.S. PRAHRAJ has joined Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur as Principal Scientist in February 2010. Prior to this, he was working at Central Institute for Cotton Research, Regional Centre, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu as Senior Scientist.

Indian Society of Agronomy wishes all these persons a great success in their new assignments.

JANUARY 2010



DR GURBACHAN SINGH has joined as Agriculture Commissioner, Government of India January 2010. Born on 16 September, 1954, Dr Singh

obtained Ph D (Agronomy) in 1988 from PAU, Ludhiana. He joined as Scientist at the CSSRI, Karnal. In 1998, he was selected as Principal Scientist at the NRC for Agro forestry, Jhansi; and 18 months thereafter he was selected as Head, Crop Production Division, IGRI, Jhansi. In 2001, Dr Singh was selected as ADG (Agronomy) ICAR, New Delhi and served there up to May 2005. He was Director, CSSRI, Karnal from June 2005 till joining this post. Dr Singh's research on reclamation and management of salt-affected soils is widely recognized. He was recipient of Hari Om Ashram Trust Award of ICAR (1989), Dr. K.A. Shankararayan Memorial Award (1993-94) of CAZRI, Jodhpur; Tenth Sukumar Basu Memorial Award (1995-96) of IARI, New Delhi and the Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award (1996-98) of ICAR, New Delhi. He was Fellow of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences and Indian Society of Agronomy (2003). Dr Singh has published over 130 research articles in National and International journals. He was scientific advisor to the International Foundation for Science, Sweden and also FAO Cactus Net Regional Coordinator for West Asia.

Indian Society of Agronomy wishes him a great success in the new assignment.

Dr ARVIND KUMAR took over as Deputy Director General (Education), ICAR New Delhi on 1-12-2009. Dr Kumar born in July 1952 obtained Ph D (Agronomy) in 1975 from Meerut University, Meerut and joined GBPUA&T, Pantnagar as Assistant Professor in May 1975 and rose to the position of Professor in December 1990. He served in this capacity till February 2002 with additional responsibility of Joint Director Extension from January 1998 to February 2002. He then moved to ICAR system as Director NRC Rapeseed & Mustard, Bharatpur,

Rajasthan in February 2002 and continued there till November 2009. Dr Kumar has made significant contributions in developing oilseed-based remunerative



intercropping systems and guided 32 PG students. He has published more than 150 papers in national and international Journals besides chapters in 10 books. He has visited many countries and was awarded Dr Rajendra Prasad Award (1991-93) for the book Crop Geography of India (Hindi), Fellow, Indian Society of Agronomy (1996), Fellow Society of Indian Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad, Fellow of Society of Extension Education (2009).

The fraternity of Indian Society of Agronomy wishes him all the best in his new assignment and look forward for his valuable guidance in re-vitalizing Agronomy Education in the country.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dr BHASKARUNI RAJA RAJESWARA RAO has been conferred the prestigious National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) Fellowship for the year 2010. Dr Rao, born on 12 August, 1953 in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh after obtaining Ph D from IARI, New Delhi in 1981, has joined CIMAP as scientist and is currently serving at its Hyderabad centre as Scientist-G. During his 30 years service in CIMAP, Dr Rao has published over 160 research papers.

The fraternity of Indian Society of Agronomy was elated with the distinction achieved by him and wishes all the best in his endeavours.